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O.A.R.B.C. - DAY of PRAYER - SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 21

"TO THE GLORY OF GOD" JUL 29 1988



The theme verse of Scioto Hills Baptist Camp is I Corinthians 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do; do all to the glory of God." Besides doing a lot of "whatsoever," many enjoyable hours are spent "eating and drinking" at SHBC. This camp season a newly constructed dining hall stands as "the" place to eat and drink to the glory of God!

Out of the ashes of the old dining hall, destroyed by fire on May 17, 1987, has risen a new, 6,000 square foot facility. To be sure, God deserves the glory and much thanksgiving for providing the money, materials and manpower needed to construct the new hall. Literally hundreds of men, women and children had a part in this major project, with anywhere from one to thirty workers present nearly every weekend since the first of the year. Needless to say, Gary and the rest of the staff worked extremely hard and put in long hours to be sure it was completed by the start of camp season.

The new dining hall is a beautiful building, featuring a 12 foot wide deck running the length of the building on the lake side. A much improved and enlarged kitchen facility will enable the cooks to "cook up a storm" (pun intended) this summer. Praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men! C'mon down to the Hills! The "eatin' and drinkin'" has never been better!

OHIO WINNERS - NATIONAL TALENTS FOR CHRIST

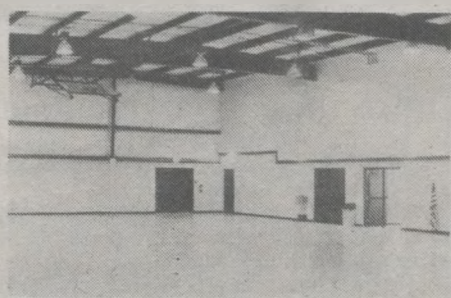
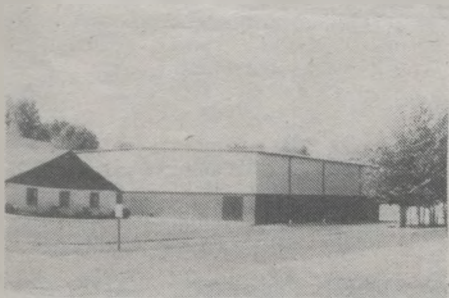
Male Voice - 1st place
Doug Holtz
Emmanuel, Xenia

Organ - 1st place
Linda Thompson
Grace, Troy

Woodwinds - 1st place
Leigh Rogge
Emmanuel, Toledo

Male Public Speaking - 2nd place
Todd Drown
Faith, Mt. Vernon

ABBE ROAD, ELYRIA DEDICATES FAMILY CENTER



"To the praise of His glory." This motto of Abbe Road Baptist Church of Elyria, Ohio, was the central theme of the May 29, 1988 dedication of the church's new Family Center.

The new facility is a 10,000-square-foot building which includes classrooms, gymnasium, kitchen and "Prophet's Chamber" (a guest apartment for visiting speakers). Also dedicated was a remodeling project consisting of classrooms, fellowship area and expanded nursery facilities.

The dedication day began with regular morning services followed by a carry-in dinner served in the new Family Center. The afternoon dedication was a service of praise through song, prayer and responsive reading. Senior Pastor James Turner brought the message "Going to God's House." Following the dedication an Open House was held for the church family and community.

The people of Abbe Road Baptist Church thank God for His goodness and dedicate this facility "to the praise of His glory."

FIRST, FINDLAY COMMISSIONS SHAFFER'S

The Commissioning Service for Rev. Earl and Marilyn Scaffer was held at the First Baptist Church of Findlay, Ohio, at 7:30 p.m., June 11th. The Shaffer's serve under Baptist Mission of North America. They have purchased a home in Sidney, Ohio, and are looking forward to birthing the Good Shepherd's Baptist Church of Sidney on Sunday, October 2, 1988.

The service was held on Saturday night so that their twenty (20) supporting churches would be able to attend. The following pastors participated: Pastor Gus Guthrie, Riley Creek Baptist, opened the service with prayer; the Challenge of the Sidney Field and a progress report by Earl Shaffer; Pastor Richard Pettitt of the host church gave the charge to the Missionary Couple; Dr. Wm. Brock, State Representative of the OARBC, gave the Charge to the Supporting Churches; and the Prayer of Dedication was offered by Dr. Richard Snively of the Calvary Baptist Church in Findlay. Dr. Harold E. Garland, President of BMNA brought the Commissioning Message.

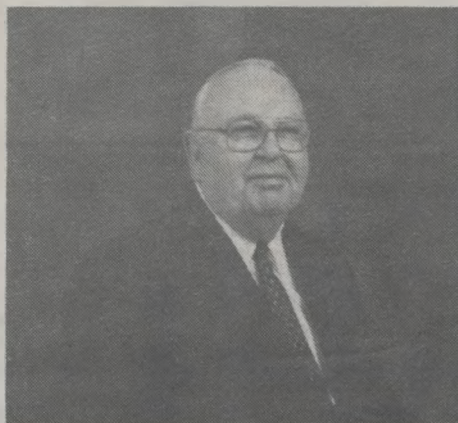
Special music was presented by the



choir of First Baptist Church, and a special duet by Assistant Pastor Paul and Debbie Reimer. The song leader was Mr. Don Humphrey, and Mr. Bob Perkey, a member of the Missionary Committee, closed the service with prayer.

All of those present enjoyed a special time of fellowship and refreshment in the Fellowship Hall. The church secretary, Mrs. Barbara Banks, baked and decorated a special cake for the occasion.

PASTOR JONES, CALVARY BAPTIST RETIRES



church began May 7, 1951 - a total of 37 years.

Pastor Jones taught religion education 24 years at the Whetstone Elementary School and Sulphur Springs Elementary School for 18 years. He was director of Children For Christ J.O.Y. Club, reaching children in the Bucyrus elementary schools for 27 years.

He is a native of Marion, graduating from Harding High School. After being called by the Lord to the ministry, he attended and graduated from Baptist Bible Institute, Cedarville College. His ordination was held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Marion.

Sunday, May 29, Pastor J. Howard Jones of Calvary Baptist, Bucyrus delivered his final sermon and retired from active ministry. He has been pastor since the

A retirement dinner in honor of Pastor and Mrs. J. Howard Jones was held at the Colonel Crawford School Cafeteria on June 19. An open house was held at the cafeteria after the dinner from 2-4 p.m.

PLEASANT HILL HONORS PASTOR & MRS. OLSEN



Deacon Bill Hayes is shown presenting Rev. Steve and Mary Jane Olsen with a plaque commemorative of their 10 years of service at Pleasant Hill Baptist.

Members of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church recognized their pastor of 10 years and his family in a recent weekend celebration of love.

Pastor Steve and Mary Jane Olsen were surprised with a "This is Your Life" program.

Seventeen significant people in their lives were guests of the congregation, coming from Elyria, Indianapolis, Ind., Chicago, Ill., and Mehoopany, Pa.

Memorable moments from the Olsens' lives were presented by former ministers, college friends, professors, high school teachers, as well as family members.

Following the formal part of the evening, a buffet supper was served in the church basement.

The Olsens were presented with several gifts, among them a grandfather clock, and a quilt which consisted of squares contributed by each family in the church.

Rev. Jay Long, instructor at Baptist Bible College, prepared the Sunday morning sermon. A carry-in dinner was also held.

The Representative's Spot



A few thoughts on the G.A.R.B.C. conference in Anaheim.

Ohio was well represented at the annual conference of the G.A.R.B.C. Attendance at this annual conference was down significantly compared to previous annual conferences. No doubt the distance and cost contributed to this.

I cannot prove my statements but I believe Ohio had the best representation of any of the states, maybe even better than California. Elsewhere in this issue of the O.I.B. is the information on the conference released by the G.A.R.B.C. office. It states that attendance reached about 1100. Possibly there were a few more than that on Wednesday evening. But in my estimation almost 10% of those attending were from Ohio.

Twenty-three Ohio Pastors plus wives were in attendance at the conference. These, plus the state representative and those pastors who brought their families, plus a number of members and young people from our churches, I believe brought our number to between 80-100.

GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH, Cuyahoga Falls, Pastor Larry Engle won the travel trophy with 8 coming from the church and accumulating the most miles. CONGRATULATIONS to Pastor Larry Engle and the folks at Graham Road Baptist Church.

Seven members of our O.A.R.B.C. Council of 12 were in attendance.

Dr. Paul Dixon was re-elected to the Council of 18 and Pastor Larry Fetzner, Washington Heights, Dayton, was elected to the Council. These two along with Pastor Paul Jackson, Dr. Jack Jacobs and your state representative find five of the Council of 18 from the O.A.R.B.C. So again, what would the G.A.R.B.C. do without those from Ohio? (Some need not answer that question.)

Just one further word - the weather? You just could not beat it - 75-80 in the daytime and cool at night. Sorry for those of you who stayed in Ohio. We heard about your 90's and 100's.

NEXT YEAR - As the Lord tarries, the G.A.R.B.C. annual conference will be held in COLUMBUS, OHIO. Let's really show the G.A.R.B.C. what Ohio means to them.

LET ME CONTINUE TO KEEP BEFORE YOU TWO EVENTS.

1. FIRST ANNUAL O.A.R.B.C. DAY OF PRAYER - Sunday - September 25th

Here is an opportunity for all churches to participate as well as area fellowships. As information comes - Pastors plan to be an active part of this special prayer day. Begin now - put this date on your calendar - in your bulletins.

2. O.A.R.B.C. ANNUAL CONFERENCE - October 17, 18, 19

Monday evening-Wednesday noon

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, Westerville (Columbus)

7 Bible Messages - Ladies annual missionary meeting - Men's workshops.

PASTORS AND CHURCHES - HOW ABOUT A SPECIAL OFFERING OR GIFT FOR CONFERENCE EXPENSES???

\$25.00 from each church would cover all expenses and possibly give the general fund a bit of a cushion.

Covetousness is simply craving more of what you have enough of already.

Haddon Robinson

What we do in the crisis always depends on whether we see the difficulties in the light of God, or God in the shadow of the difficulties.

G. Campbell Morgan

PROMOTED

Pastor Marvin Werbeach, First, Rittman, was promoted to glory on April 4th. At age 61 he passed away two weeks after 5-way bypass surgery but died from numerous blood clots in both lungs.

Participating in the memorial service on April 7th were Pastor Roland Globig of North Madison, Dr. Gerald Smelser and Pastor Ben Garlich.

Pastor Werbeach had always served in the state of Ohio from 1957-1988. He served the Footville Community Church, New Lyme Baptist, Bailey Road, N. Jackson; North Royalton and First, Rittman. He also served as Vice President of Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland.

Mrs. Ellen Werbeach and daughter, Linda, will continue to reside in Rittman. Daughter, Mrs. Judy Celciu, lives in Jefferson.

Dr. Gerald Smelser is serving the Rittman church while they seek the Lord's man for Pastor.

1st Annual O.A.R.B.C. DAY OF PRAYER September 25, 1988

Mrs. Kathy Newell, wife of Pastor Les Newell, Fellowship Baptist, Dublin, passed away July 7. She had a heart condition for a number of years and suffered a stroke and was hospitalized for four weeks.

The Newells have three children, John, Patty, and Gary who works with the Newells in team ministry.

The Newells have been missionaries with BMNA for a number of years, serving in Iowa and, previous to beginning the Dublin work, served at Welch Road Baptist, Commercial Point.

The Memorial Service was held on Monday, July 11.

The ABCs OF CHILD CARE GOVERNMENT STYLE

The Act for Better Child Care (Senate Bill 1885 and House Resolution 3660) contains the most explicitly anti-religious provisions to appear in congressional legislation in memory.

It rivals the anti-religion of communist nations such as the Soviet Union where babies are warehoused in government licensed institutions.

The 62-page bill, introduced by Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT), would give child care certificates to mothers who are employed; she may not be a full-time mother, the day care facility must be government licensed and must comply with all federal rules.

Section 19 (a) states that no funds shall be expended for "sectarian purposes or activities." This is followed by (a)(2)(A) which defines sectarian in a most unusual way, making the federal activity hostile to the very notion or concept of religion.

This Act would also put other anti-religious measures in force: 1) No religious thanks for food could be offered by children; if so, both mother and child would be disqualified for aid. 2) In space provided for child care "on the premises" of a sectarian institution "all religious symbols and artifacts" must be removed or covered. 3) No teacher (religious or layperson, paid or volunteer) of any denominational school could provide the child care center any services whatsoever. 4) No funds could be used for construction, repair, or renovation of any facility on the premises of a religious institution. 5) Any separation of boys and girls for any child care services would be a violation of Section 20 (c). This is a federal mandate for unisex child caring. 6) Section 20 (c) applies the prohibitions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to all child care centers - even those with fewer than 15 employees. It also eliminates the exemption to the Civil Rights Law that allows religious institutions to favor members of their own faith in hiring practices.

Even though churches provide one-third of organized day care in the country, the bill is crafted to make it impossible for a church to sponsor a day care center. (The liberals and feminists are backing this bill and there will be a lot of pressure on politicians in this election year.)

The Act for Better Child Care should be rejected and the discriminatory provisions in the bill which penalize maternal care for children and allow interference with the free exercise of religion should be repudiated. - Fundamental News Service, March/April, 1988.

SENATOR KENNEDY PUSHES "SMART START" BILL

Earlier this year, Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) introduced S. 2270, "Smart Start: The Community Collaborative for Early Childhood Development Act of 1988."

If passed, it would provide federal funds for states to implement early education programs for 3 and 4 year-old children.

The program will be targeted primarily to low-income families. Parents whose incomes fall below 115 percent of the poverty line will not have to pay. Those who can afford the care, will pay on a sliding scale.

There are major problems with this legislation. According to Michael Schwartz, an expert on family policy at the Free Congress Foundation, this bill will "give one more incentive to mothers to be separated from their children and to get into the work force. There is a belief on the part of people in the child development field that credentialed professionals are better caretakers of children than are their parents. It sounds far-fetched, but I have spoken face to face with people who have told me that.

"By and large their view is that parents do not know what they are doing, and the longer you leave children in the custody of their parents the worse it is for the children."

Schwartz observes that this legislation "fits in with the whole notion that every adult should be in the work force and that a mother or father has a primary concern to be earning money rather than to be wasting time with their children. These people believe that this is good for the country. They have a different perspective on the kind of society that we ought to have and the kind of environment that families ought to survive in."

If you wish to express your views on this legislation, write to your representative or senator.

from - "Focus on The Family"

READ THESE STATISTICS AND WEEP

Today's population is now increasing at the rate of 300,000 per day - 110 million a year. This is the equivalent to a new nation almost the size of Japan coming into existence every twelve months.

The number of people on earth now doubles every 39 years. This compares to a doubling rate of 1200 years in the period between the birth of Christ and the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

Hearing now is urgent. Each year 70 million people die. This means a mass of humanity the size of the people Republic of China will totally cease to exist in the next 20 years.

In 1900, 13% of the world's population lived in urban areas. By the year 2000 the number of people living in the cities of the world will jump to 87%. Fifty of the world's cities are expected to have over 20 million each by the year 2000.

Eighty to ninety percent of all Christian ministers at present minister to 8% of the earth's population. At present 96% of all Christian finances are spent in the United States on 6% of the world's population. Only 4% of all Christian money is spent on missionary efforts to reach the other 94% of the world's population.

There are 85,000 to 100,000 missionaries from all over the world. This uses the term missionary in the broadest possible form. Compare that to these facts.

1. In America alone there are 435,000 Avon sales people. 1,280,000 world wide.
2. In America alone there are 750,000 Amway distributors. One million world wide.
3. Just these two companies have 14 times more representatives in the U.S. alone than our Lord's church has in the whole world. - Maranatha, March, 1988.

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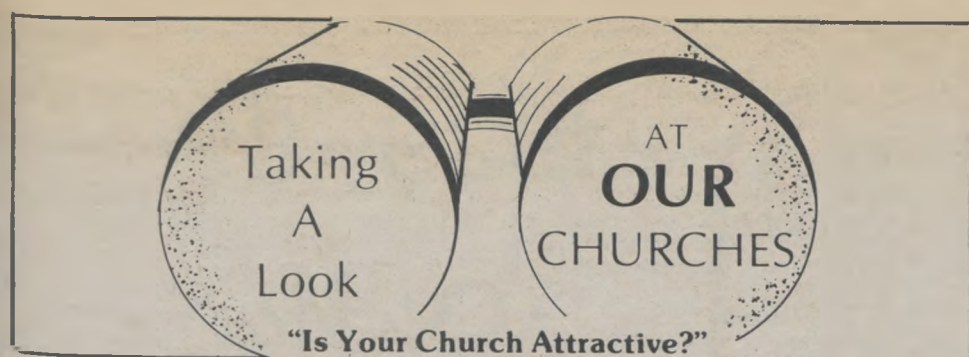
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RELEVANCY. Do you know this word?

The simple dictionary definition says to be relevant is to be "pertinent; applicable; bearing on the issue in question."

Putting this in the language of the church and outreach would be to meet people where they are.

How many of our churches are really doing this?

This comes to my mind because of contacts, observations and listening to what some believers and churches are doing in their ministry of outreach.

At our last Pastor/wives conference at Cedarville, Pastor Knute Larson stated that 80% of the new people who come to his church come through the side door. What did he mean? He meant that new people who come to the church come because of some outreach ministry that ministers to a particular need.

With the G.A.R.B.C. conference still fresh in my mind I recall what Mark Blocher of Baptists for Life said about the G.A.R.B.C. in regards to abortion. His statement, "little more than deafening silence." What was he saying? Really we have no interest in the subject of abortion.

How about your church? Meeting people where they are?

I find that our regular baptist churches do not seem to believe that we have contact with people who have any problems. Our attitude seems to be that people connected to our churches are immune to the life style and happenings in the world today.

Why are other churches growing? How come they are finding new people and seeing them come to Christ? The saying is that "we can be so heavenly minded that we are no earthly good."

I find churches (not regular baptists) providing outreach to Drug Users, Divorced People, Child and Parent Abusers, Teen-Age Pregnancy, Parents of Teens, Battered Wives, One Parent Families, those who have Incestual Relationships, Abortion, Homosexuals, Deviate Life Styles, AIDS, and the list could go on. Interesting, I find that churches are having outreach to business executives and business women. I heard one pastor say that he has a class for Unemployed People.

These are areas of outreach. Our attitude is "we have no contact with such people." I dare say in any average size church you have people (yes, even believers) with many of these problems and needs. But we are silent. Offering help, classes and information for these people and making it known will give new contacts and opportunities to present Christ.

People with these type of needs will not come to your Sunday School class and sit and listen. They are hurting and crying out but we are not listening or looking. Ours is a "deafening silence."

I have seen bulletins from other churches that announce classes and seminars for special groups. Some of these are in the evening, some in the daytime, some even at a noon luncheon.

The current issue of Moody Monthly has an article on a Westmont College professor who specializes in cult information. He states that pastors cannot become cult specialists but in every church some member should become a specialist in a given area and make that his ministry in the local church. What a great idea.

Pastor Tom Wright of Memorial Baptist, Columbus, has started a "Single on Sunday" class. This is for women who are divorced, widowed or ladies whose husbands do not come to church. That is relevancy.

What are we doing to meet people where they are?

Let's take a look at our churches - in the light of today's needs and life styles.

FIRST, GALLIPOLIS CALLS PASTOR

Dr. Archie Clifford Conn of Lebanon, Missouri has been called by the members of First Baptist Church of Gallipolis to be their senior pastor. Dr. Conn has attended Austin Peau State University, Pikeville College, Detroit Bible College, Calvary College, Faith Baptist Seminary and Bob Jones University. As a result he has earned three degrees: Bachelor of Arts in Bible/English; Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology; and Doctor of Philosophy in Bible Education.

He has been in the pastorate for 18 years, having pastored Baptist churches in Illinois, Arkansas and nine years as pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lebanon, Missouri.

He has served on the faculty of Wabash Valley Bible Institute, Calvary College and is teaching part-time at the Baptist Bible Graduate School of Theology in Springfield, Missouri.

Dr. Conn has been an administrator of Christian day schools in conjunction with the pastorate for the past ten years. He was the co-founder of the Arkansas chapter of the American Association of Christian Schools. He has been involved with a multiple radio ministry and a military outreach to young soldiers at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri for a number of years.

A native of Morehead, Kentucky, Dr.

Conn is married to the former Mary Alice Bradley. They are the parents of three children: Mark, a doctoral student at Bob Jones University; Mrs. Cheryl Prueselley of Springfield, Missouri; and Robbie, a sophomore at Southwest Baptist University.

Dr. Conn assumed his duties as senior pastor of First Baptist Church on Sunday, July 10, 1988.

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Ephesians 1:4

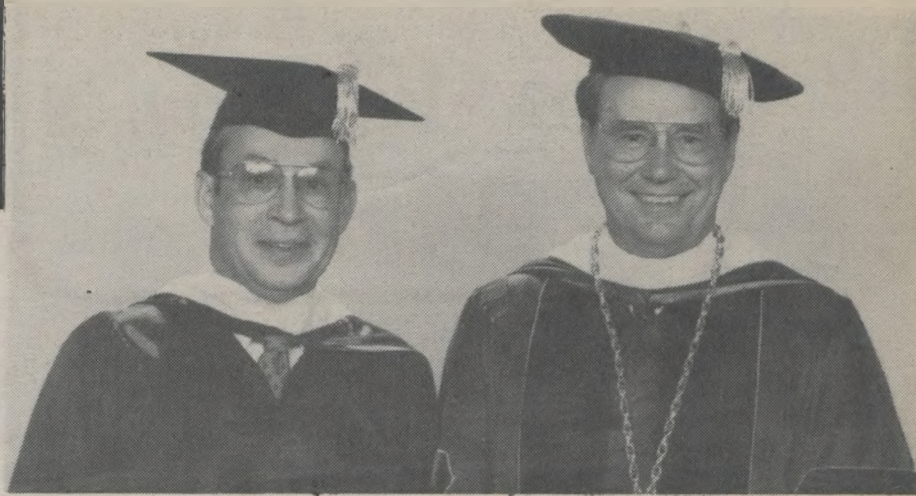
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MILLER RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM CEDARVILLE



Dr. Vernon Miller, left and Dr. Paul Dixon, right.

During the 92nd annual commencement exercises, Cedarville College graduated 370 seniors and conferred a Doctor of Letters degree on Rev. Vernon D. Miller of Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Cory S. Neumann, a chemistry major from Galion, Ohio, received The Faculty Scholarship Award. The President's Trophy winners were Daniel Hale, a mathematics major from St. Louis, Missouri, Terri VanBeveran, an elementary education major, and her twin sister Toni VanBeveran, a nursing major, both from Levittown, Pennsylvania.

A 1963 graduate of Cedarville College, Dr. Vernon Miller is executive editor of Regular Baptist Press and editor of the Baptist Bulletin. He also serves as treasurer of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches and is on the boards of Shepherds Baptist Ministries, Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, Baptist Builders Club, and AWANA Youth Association. Miller

previously pastored four churches in Ohio and Illinois and was president of Church Building Consultants, Inc.

He and his wife Alice are the parents of five children, all of whom graduated with honors from Cedarville College between the years of 1977 and 1985.

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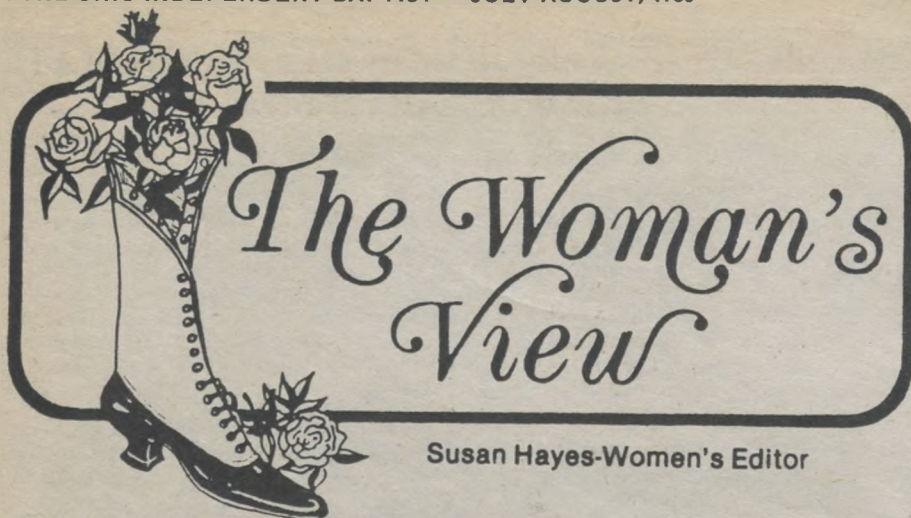
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LADIES RETREATS

SCIOTO HILLS - September 8-9-10
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Also enjoy - singing - crafts - Cedarville Book table - swimming
Special this year - "dress up" Friday evening dinner.

Cost - \$28.00 - For reservation send \$5.00 before August 18th to:

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Speaker - Mrs. Margaret Wheeler,
Pastor's Wife, Xenia, Ohio
Chairman - Mrs. Carol Osborn
Registrar - Miss Norma Nulph

CAMP PATMOS - September 15,16,17
THEME - "Bloom Where You're Planted"

Enjoy - hiking - sailing - boat rides - tours - chatting

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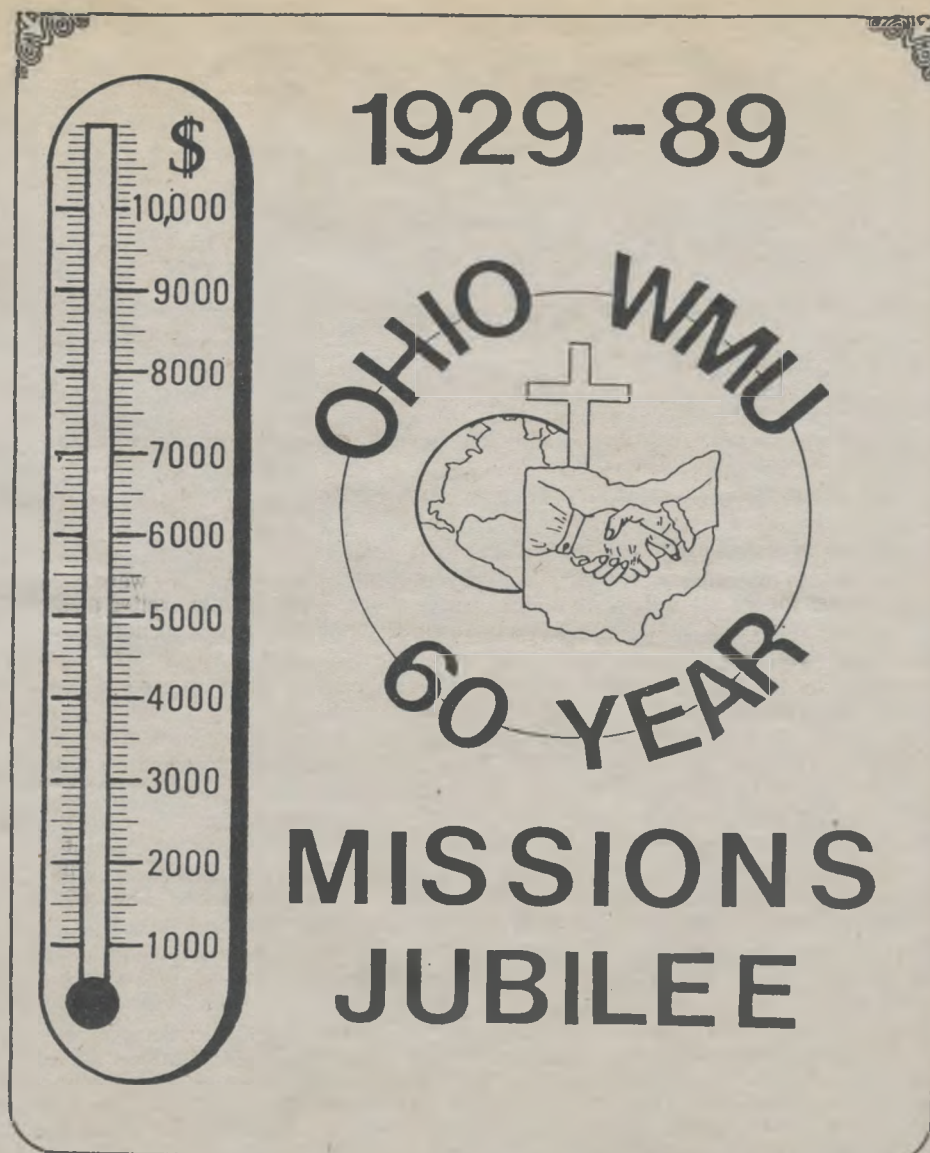
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WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT • BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS

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SH-H-H! WE'RE IN CHURCH!

by Rosi Johnson
C.A.R. - B.M.M.

I could hear the beating of the tire rim outdoors. It must be 7:00 a.m. That is the time the African churches beat their "church bells" to tell people it is an hour until Sunday school. We ourselves are busy getting ready to leave for our services with an out-station church. We must leave by 7:30 to reach the church in time for beginning services. Today it is an hour's drive away. Each Sunday we visit a different church to "pulpit supply" while the pastor preaches in another of his three or four churches. Finally by 8:30 we arrive — just in time.

The deacon takes my husband in the front door to sit on the platform with him. The four children and I enter in the back door. I would love to sit on a back bench with the small children so their noises don't distract people during the services. But someone sees us and ushers us up front to the "seat of honor." I try to protest but this would go against their social habits. So instead I graciously accept our places. They have put a wooden bench along the side wall of the front of the church just before the platform. I feel conspicuous. Oh, well. At least we can support our backs by leaning against the wall. "Lord, help my children to be quiet."

I notice the unusual location of the African people; the women sitting on the benches to the left side of the pulpit and the men sitting on the right-hand side. Children are on the front three or four rows of the men's side.

After we sing a song, a man gets up to give the Sunday school lesson. He has the only lesson book; the rest of us open our Bibles. Liana, our two-year-old, decides she wants to sit on my lap. It's just as well, then she won't get any splinters in her legs from the wooden bench. But as she hops on my lap, my Bible falls to the floor.

Fifteen minutes or so go by, and Jeremiah starts fidgeting. I can't really blame him. It is hard enough to sit in church and listen to an adult lesson in English when you are five; but this is in Sango, a language he has yet to learn. "Sh-h-h! We're in church! Watch the man speaking."

A few more minutes go by. Jeremiah taps my shoulder. His shoe is untied. "Yes, you may lean over to tie it." I return to the lesson and become absorbed in it. Later I realize Jeremiah is still leaning over. He has entertained himself by finger-drawing in the dirt. "Jeremiah, sit up. We're in church."

Finally Sunday school is over. But we stay seated. We go right into the church service. There is no standing or moving about. A man leads us in a couple of songs.

I'd love to stand up to sing one, but it's not their custom. It sure would help to get some wiggles out of my children.

Now come the announcements. These can go on for twenty minutes or more. Because they don't have bulletins, they announce the entire order of the service, even who will pray and when. I wish there was a nursery for Liana. Why can't my children sit still like the African children? Of course, it helps them to be quiet because there is a deacon standing beside them with a stick. One unnecessary move and they would be "tapped" with it.

It's time for the offering. Yeah! At last we can stand up and move. As the choir sings, the people from each row methodically walk to the front and drop in their money. "Get all your wiggles out, kids. The sermon is next and there isn't any junior church for you."

We're seated once again. But now I am called upon to give my testimony. I go to the platform, carrying Liana. She will behave better with me than with the other children, I hope. Halfway through my testimony a lizard appears in the front door and runs across the floor and down the middle aisle. "No, Lord, don't let Liana see it." It's too late. She does.

"Look, Mommy, a lizard! Look! See, Mommy!" (She points.) "A lizard!"

I finish my testimony and sit down with Liana on my lap. Jeremiah is holding my

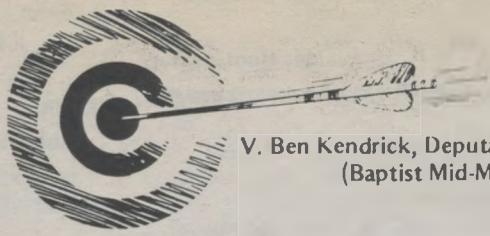
right arm, leaning on it. Eight-year-old Connie is on my left side. It's so very hot (must be ninety degrees or more). I wish they would slide down a little. But if this will keep them quiet, I'll endure.

Two hours have gone by since we began Sunday school. Only another twenty or thirty minutes and the sermon will be over. I see the leg-tied chicken outdoors, flapping its wings to get loose. And then, just as I feared, it cock-a-doodle-does. All four children turn around to see it. Jeremiah and Liana simultaneously say, "Chicken, Mother. There's a chicken outside."

"Sh-h-h! We're in church! Turn around and sit still!"

At least the services are over. We are free to stand and go home. "Thank you, Lord. We managed." Could anything else have happened? Yes, someone could have needed to go to the bathroom or asked for a drink of water.

True, the services are different, the language is different, their ways are different. But when I leave church, I can still echo the Psalmists's words of 122:1, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" It is still the one, true, living God we worship. — even in Africa; even in the Sango language.



ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

V. Ben Kendrick, Deputation Coordinator
(Baptist Mid-Missions)

THREE WONDERFUL WEEKS

In a recent issue of *The Ohio Independent Baptist* I wrote an "ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS" article on how retirement has opened the door of opportunities to many men and women. A perfect example of that is the excellent work contribution of Jesse Jones and Charlie Thompson.

Jesse and Charlie are members of Willo-Hill Baptist Church in Willoughby, Ohio. They are both retired but still felt that they could be of service to the Lord's work using the talents that He has given to them.

As soon as they entered my office and began to talk, I knew that they were excellent candidates for the MEN FOR MISSIONS program. I became equally excited as the picture began to unfold, but I think it is best that Jesse tell you what happened.

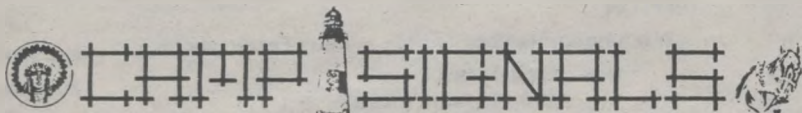
"When I retired two years ago it was my desire to travel a bit and get involved in some ministry for the Lord. I spoke with my former pastor, Rev. Donald Woodby, and he advised me to contact Dr. Ben Kendrick at Baptist Mid-Missions. Charlie Thompson and I did contact Dr. Kendrick and related to him our mutual desire to be used in the Lord's service. Although we were both retired, we knew that you never retire from the Lord's work.

"Dr. Kendrick put us in touch with Ron Annis at Missionary Acres. In fact, Brother Kendrick called Missionary Acres while we were still in his office! Ron Annis stated that there was a definite need for manpower to assist in the construction of some buildings. That settled it for us. We then made plans to leave for Missionary Acres on April 16.

"We arrived at Missionary Acres at 8:30 on Saturday evening, April 16. Charlie and I were greeted by Rev. Ron Annis and his wife, Pat. We were then taken to the guest house and given our instructions for the accommodations. At this point we knew little, if anything, about the work before us and we had no idea of the number of people the Lord would bring across our path over the next three weeks.

"Our work was to begin on Monday, April 18. By the way, the guest house I mentioned earlier was a welcome sight as we were quite tired due to our trip from Cleveland, Ohio. The first Sunday morning we were there was quite an experience. I have never seen the sun shine so brightly as it did there at Missionary Acres. I know this sounds like something from the Chamber of Commerce but every morning seemed like a carbon copy of the morning before. As I took my three-mile jog each morning on the cement walk around the lake, I would meet missionaries such as Dr. and Mrs. Robert Gilbert and others. I also met quite a few squirrels, rabbits, ducks and a wide variety of birds.

"Little did we know of the many blessings that were in store for us as we walked to church that morning. It was a wonderful place that God had brought us to. Inside the building, we were greeted by Pastor Ostrander and many others. We felt as though we had known these people for years. Being a part of God's family makes us have a special relationship with fellow believers. There were 47 in attendance that Sunday morning. The singing was great and the pastor spoke on moving forward, not backward. I especially noticed the expressions on the faces of the ladies in the choir. Mrs. Nimmo, an older lady, had such a radiant look as she sang of seeing Jesus some day. We were there for four Sundays and mid-week services. With each meeting we became closer to these new friends in Christ.



Saddle Sayings From SKYVIEW RANCH

Back at the Ranch this summer all activities on the "range" are taking on the appearance of an all-out western round-up. Activities are running smoothly, camp is near capacity and the Lord can be seen moving every day in Rancher's lives. When the dusty clouds of the trails clear at the end of each Ranch week, salvation decisions have been made, as well as individual decisions, according to the Spirit's leading and their level of readiness. As Ranchers are loved and accepted, they mature spiritually, socially, and mentally.

The drought is taking its toll on the Ranch's pasture and hay fields. Our first cutting of hay was below normal and without rain soon we may not even get a second cutting. Normally, our horses graze in the pasture until mid-October. This year we may be fortunate if we can continue to pasture them without feeding hay until the end of July. The horses are the core of the Ranch program and our ability to maintain them at an affordable cost is at risk this year. To purchase hay needed to feed from August until next Spring will be a tremendous expense even with a reduced herd size. We are seeking the Lord's help in receiving the hay we

need. Pray with us. Perhaps you can be the person to help meet our needs or know those who might be of help.



Men For Missions, First Baptist, Findlay, working on bunkhouse roof.

People coming to the Ranch have commented on the many improvements to the Ranch property and grounds. The amazing thing is that most of the improvements have been done by volunteer groups and designated giving. Pictured are two groups who took on major tasks such as the bunkhouse roof, re-roofed by First Baptist Church of Findlay, along with the group from Lakeview Baptist Church, Dundee, helping with the renovation of the Ranch House. These projects and many others are making a noticeable difference in how the Ranch can be used and the Ranch's appearance. There is always work to be done at the Ranch so if you or your group would like to help with the projects, big or small, contact the Ranch office. It's time now to line up your Fall work projects.

"We met with the men that we would be starting to work with on Monday morning. It rained the first day we were to work, so we did some cleaning up in the carpenter shop. Tuesday the cement truck came and we started to pour the floor. This was the beginning of a project that we would see almost completed in our three weeks there. We were amazed at the knowledge that these men had in the area of construction. Jack McKillop was the head of construction. He often began his day at 6:30 a.m. and worked late into the evening.

"John McKittrick was a special blessing to us. He was in charge of all the planning and ordering of materials. Everyone seemed to like him. The men were older, but could keep up with just about any younger men.

"At the end of every day's work, Charlie and I would go to a different home for supper. We enjoyed the fellowship after supper as the people told of the work they had done and where they had been. The food was so delicious that we really looked forward to supper time each evening. We decided that good cooks don't live in only Ohio.

"Missionary Acres is a quiet, peaceful place. We heard a siren off in the distance one time. Other than that, we heard whippoorwills calling at night and the frogs singing out on the lake. What a place for the missionaries to rest from their years of labor in the various parts of the world!

"It was our privilege to attend the surprise golden anniversary banquet for Howard and Rene Street. The love and concern that these people had for one another was placed there only by the Lord. These people had worked together for many years through all kinds of situations and yet they still showed that special love for each other.

"We worked hard for the three weeks we were there and saw a job well done. We were proud of what the Lord had helped us to accomplish. The building was almost completed and God had protected us from injury and had given us a special time of fellowship.

"Our three weeks were up and it was time to say good-bye to everyone. In the morning we would leave for Ohio. It was difficult to leave the place that we had come to love. As we drove out past the new building to have one more look, people were already up, even though it was only 4:30 a.m. A white dog ran back and forth in front of our car, barking as though it was trying to get us to stay just a bit longer. If another opportunity should arise, Charlie and I would feel it a privilege to go back to Missionary Acres."

This kind of a story could possibly be told in future days by some of you reading this article. Jesse and Charlie will be the first to tell you that they do not look upon themselves as being great experts in any particular field. They are men who love the Lord and who are willing to use what talents they may have for His glory — and in this case, construction work at Baptist Mid-Missions retirement village, Missionary Acres.

There is much to be done and the wonderful thing about it is that most any of you, both men and women, can help in some way. The teams from Washington Heights Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio, usually are made up of both men and women. Cooking, washing, sewing, etc., are an important part of a team's ministry.

Most any of the camps would welcome your help. Baptist Mid-Missions' Shalom Lake Camp located in Huntsburg, Ohio, has a list of needy work projects to be done. There are home missionaries who can use help and possibly even sister churches.

Our MEN FOR MISSIONS department offers our assistance in getting workers and projects together. Please don't hesitate to call or write me.

As Jesse so well put it, "Although we were both retired, we knew that you never retire from the Lord's work."



Men For Missions, Lakeview Baptist, Dundee, are shown working on the house renovation.

The winner of the "name of the colt" contest was Miss Tiffany Ryneer of Marshallville, Ohio. She chose "Sunset" as the colt's name because the mother's name is "Rising Sun." Tiffany will receive a \$40 camp scholarship. Thanks to all the kids who sent in name suggestions!

SURF SPLASHINGS FROM

CAMP PATMOS

Camp Patmos is more than just a Christian amusement park. Camp Patmos impacts many lives.

Camp Patmos is a training ground for staff. Thirty high school and college young people are ministering this summer: preparing grounds, counselling, preparing meals. They not only develop their spiritual gifts, but also are guiding others in spiritual growth. Pray for the 1988 staff.

Camp Patmos is a teaching center for campers. More instruction can be given in one week of camp than six months of Sunday School. Two hundred eighty-four Junior Highers attended the first week (a 300% increase over the same week last year). Over 1400 are registered for youth

weeks this year. During the first week, 12 teenagers accepted Christ as Savior and many others dedicated their lives for service. Pray for those who made decisions at Camp Patmos this year.

Camp Patmos is a timely retreat for the family. Many families benefit from camping at Camp Patmos as shown by this year's full weeks. There are, however, spaces still available for any adventurous families who care to pitch a tent. Contact Pastor Jim Howard, camp registrar, P.O. Box 263, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

SMOKE SIGNALS FROM SCIOTO HILLS

"God's so good, to give us so many blessings; Undeserving - that's what we are. We ought to thank Him, love and praise Him; A little more today, and a whole lot more tomorrow."

So goes one of the favorite choruses at Scioto Hills during the summer camp season. Indeed, the Lord has been so good again this year, especially in supplying a fine staff of workers and counselors. Although sometimes staff needs are not met until the first week of camp, every year God has been faithful to send what is needed. This summer's staff has done well. A good staff (i.e. leadership team) is the key to a successful camp season.

Following the summer camp schedule, there will be several fall retreats:

September 8-10: Ladies Retreat

September 24-25: Couples Retreat No. 1

September 30-October 1: Couples Retreat No. 2

More details on these can be obtained through contacting the camp.

P.S. Now that the new dining hall is finished, be assured no moss will grow under Chief Storm Cloud's feet. He's already planning to build a multi-unit lodge to accommodate more adult guests. Do pray for this new project which will begin this fall, Lord willing.

A CROSS THE STATE

Happenings

HURCH Highlights

FROM YOUR BULLETINS
AND CALENDARS RECEIVED
DO WE RECEIVE YOURS?



AKRON

Brown Street Robert Kuhns, pastor

- June - Graduation Pizza Party
- Wedding of Pastor and Mrs. Kuhn's daughter
- Senior Citizen's Youngstown Candy Factory trip/Ate out
- July - V.B.S.
- Mark Blocher, Baptists for Life
- Teens Water Slide at Dover Lake

First Ernest Bloom, pastor

- May - Virgil and Glenna Yehner, missionary church planters
- June - V.B.S.
- Honored graduates
- July - Picnic and outdoor service at Skyview Ranch

Highview

- June - Rev. Fred Gerhardt
- Father/Son Picnic
- Homebuilders Canoe Trip

ALBANY

Albany

- May - Association Day with Dr. William Brock
- June - Rev. Donald Eaton

AMHERST

Faith

Robert Barrett, pastor

- June - Father/Son outing
- Parent/Teen softball game and picnic
- Women's Missionary Union picnic
- July - B.B.C. Cornerstone Quartet

ARCANUM

Immanuel

Greg Greve, pastor

- May - Sunday picnic/Film, "Fanny Crosby"
- June - Women's Ministries Kick-off Luncheon
- Jr/Sr Hi Kings Island Trip
- V.B.S.

ASHLAND

Calvary

Stephen Worth, pastor

- June - Dr. Jerry Phipps, Baptist Children's Home
- Brethren Care Service
- Fellowship/Favorite Dessert

BALTIMORE

Walnut Creek

James Evans, pastor

- May - Mother/Daughter Missionary Fellowship
- June - Dedication Sunday of new building with Dr. William Brock

BEDFORD

Bible

William Davis, pastor

- May - Earl Shaffer, BMNA missionary
- Mother/Daughter Banquet
- June - Endless Praise Gospel Team, BBC
- Father's Day Dinner/Early afternoon service
- Sunday School picnic

BELLE CENTER

New Richland

Joel Harriman, pastor

- June - V.B.S. with Gary Spence family, ABWE missionaries to Spain/V.B.S. picnic
- Film, "Lessons From A Sheepdog"
- July - "New Richland Block Party" for residents of town

BELLEFONTAINE

Calvary

Barry Grahl, pastor

- June - Teens to Toledo Zoo/Picnic
- V.B.S. with Cedarville College Master's Puppets
- July - W.O.L. Whitewater rafting

BEREA

Berea

Kenneth Spink, pastor

- June - Dan Gelatt, Executive Administrator of Evangelism of ABWE
- Parent/Child Dedication
- Rev. Jerry Phipps, Baptist Children's Home/Film, "Hidden Treasure"
- July - Evening V.B.S. with Dr. and Mrs. William Brock

BERLIN HEIGHTS

Berlin Heights

Jack McCullough, pastor

- June - V.B.S. with Uncle John and Aunt Sharon, the Master's Messengers
- Strawberry Social

BLUFFTON

Riley Creek

Harold Guthrie, pastor

- June - Graduation Sunday/Honored graduates

Father/Son Hog Roast

V.B.S.

- July - Speakers: Al Davis/Ron Sanderson
- Wedding of Pastor and Mrs. Guthrie's son

BOWLING GREEN

First

- June - Teen picnic and softball
- V.B.S.
- Father/Daughter outing
- Youth to Cedar Point
- July - Teen Canoeing
- Juniors to Putt-n-Pond

BROOK PARK

Mid-Brook

David Knudson, pastor

- May - Pastor Paul Snow
- Bob Vance, missionary to Hawaii
- June - Orland Walker

BRUNSWICK

First

Thomas Chmura, pastor

- May - Mother/Daughter Spring Banquet with Sallie McElwain, BMM
- June - Pensacola Christian College Joy Quartet

BUCYRUS

Calvary

Brad Potter, pastor

- May - Cedarville College Swordbearers
- June - Retirement Dinner for Pastor and Mrs. Howard Jones
- Special Welcome for Pastor and Mrs. Potter
- July - Maranatha Bible College

BYESVILLE

Calvary

Donald Parvin, pastor

- June - "Strawberry Festival"
- 5-day Club with Mrs. Betty Davis
- Becky McGregor, missionary to Bangladesh
- Family Day at Cedar Point
- July - All-church "Musical and Watermelon" Party

CALDWELL

New Harmony

Eric Cuenin, pastor

- May - Pastor and Mrs. Cuenin welcomed new daughter, Renee Joy on May 24
- June - David Ferguson, CBF
- July - V.B.S. with Mark and Becky Lounsbrough, missionaries

CAMBRIDGE

Grace

Fred Barrett, pastor

- May - Mother/Daughter Banquet with Mrs. Barrett
- June - Church Banquet
- David Bennett, missionary
- July - Youth Summer Camp

CANTON

Grace

Max McCullough, pastor

- June - "Foundation Offering"
- Activities: JOY class Skyview Ranch workday/CAC covered dish dinner
- Sr. Hi "TWRP" Games and Bonfire
- July - Cleveland Indians outing

Whipple Avenue

John Moosey, pastor

- June - All-church picnic
- Craig and Darlene Kordic, missionaries to Hong Kong
- Surprise Birthday Party for Pastor Moosey
- Film, "Cleve McClary - Portrait of An American Hero"
- July - Youth to Geauga Lake

CLEVELAND

Brookside

George O'Keefe, pastor

- May - Missionary Conference with Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Jacobs, BMM to Ireland/John Baughman, BMM Cleveland/Rev. Richard Pettit/Beth Odor, EBM W. Africa
- Rev. Tom Wright
- June - Cuyahoga River-Lake Cruise on Goodtime II

Cedar Hill

David Moore, pastor

- May - Chinese-American Family Concert Evangelistic meetings
- Wedding of Elizabeth McDonald, CBF missionary
- June - V.B.S.
- Program, "America, You're Too Young To Die"
- Life Action Singers

- Tom Hlad began as Assistant with Youth and Christian Education

Madison Avenue

James Hunt, pastor

- June - Vernon and Edith Weber, missionaries to Spanish in Florida
- Pioneer Clubs Overnight
- Baccalaureate Service
- July - Neighborhood Bible Time

COLUMBUS

Clintonville

George Hattenfield, pastor

- May - Golden Agers with Dr. Rebecca Maddin and John Jicha, optometrists

Immanuel

William Abernathy, pastor

- June - Youth Night/Honored graduates
- The David Bennetts, BMM missionaries to Australia
- V.B.S. with the Cedarville College Master's Puppets
- July - Youth Canoe Trip
- Gene and Mildred Bryant presented the Passover
- Roger Senerius

Maranatha

Timothy Kenoyer, pastor

- May - Dr. Daniel Brown called as assistant to pastor
- June - Activities: Young Married Fellowship/Swimming/Sr Hi Putt Putt/LAFF picnic
- Sparks Book-finisher's potluck
- Vernon Weber, BMM missionary in Florida
- July - BBC Cornerstone Quartet

Memorial

Thomas Wright, pastor

- June - Association Day with Dr. William Brock
- David Bennett, ABWE missionary to Australia
- V.B.S.
- July - Film, "Help, Our Family is Unraveling"
- Sunday School picnic

COMMERCIAL POINT

Welch Road

Randall Nelson, pastor

- June - Graduation Service and Reception
- Jr/Sr Hi Volleyball and Water Balloon Fight
- July - V.B.S.
- Mini Cantata, "America"
- BMM candidate team

COSHOCTON

Calvary

Robert Riedy, pastor

- June - Evening Family V.B.S., "The Bible: My Light"
- July - Rev. Allen Vine
- White Water Rafting
- Rev. Bruce Hendsbee

CUYAHOGA FALLS

Graham Road

Larry Engle, pastor

- June - Father/Son Indians Game
- Journeymen Breakfast in the park

DAYTON

Washington Heights

Larry Fetzer, pastor

- June - Young at Heart Day trip
- V.B.S. "Set Sail for Adventure"
- Antolin Zamar, President of Doane Bible Institute, Philippines
- Annual YAH Croquet Tournament and Ice Cream Social
- July - Hosted BMM Triannual conference
- Began film series, "Who Switched the Price Tags" with Tony Campolo
- Dr. C. Raymond Buck/Rev. Gary Anderson

DEFIANCE

Faith

Warren Lewis, pastor

- July - God and Country Day with Dan Whisner family/Dinner/Early afternoon service

DELAWARE

Calvary

David Culver, pastor

- June - Olympian Awards
- Graduates' Night/Reception
- Teen Canoe Trip
- Jr/Sr Hi Retreat in Pennsylvania
- Dad's and Lad's Reds Game
- July - Dr. Marvin Clark
- BMM Missionary candidates team

DUBLIN

Fellowship

Leslie Newell, pastor

- May - Loan approved for new building
- June - "Silver Threads" Breakfast
- July - Began meeting in new locations: elementary school in A.M./Bank building P.M.

DUNDEE

Lakeview

Robert Veenhuis, pastor

- June - Gospel Heralds from Appalachian Bible College
- V.B.S., "Bible: My Light"
- College/Career to Cedar Point
- Teens to Cleveland ballgame

ELIDA

Faith

- June - Father/Son
- Gerald Schenck

ELYRIA

Abbe Road

- June - Began Sunday School
- son/Dr. James
- Tegeler, pastor
- July - Vernon and
- people in
- All-church

First

- July - Canoe Trip
- V.B.S.

FAIRBORN

Grand Avenue

- June - Deacons and
- Service in

FINDLAY

First

- June - Commission
- BMNA to
- BMNA
- July - Women's Missionary
- and Renny
- Marty and

FOSTORIA

Fostoria

- May - JOY Club
- June - Rev. Vernon
- July - Dad's and

GALION

First

- June - Ladies picnic
- V.B.S.
- Pastor A.V.
- July - Irene Sommer
- Annual Sunday

GALLIPOLIS

Faith

- May - Mother/Daughter
- Rev. Joe
- June - WOL Teen
- Speakers
- Lucky Shepherd
- V.B.S.

First

- June - V.B.S.
- Mike Irwin, mis
- Pro-teen Banquet
- July - Archie Conn

GRAFTON

Midview

- June - Youth to
- Rev. Gerald
- "Hidden Treas
- V.B.S.
- July - BBC Com
- Mark and
- Brazil

HERMITAGE, PENNSYLVANIA

Sharon

- June - Pittsburgh and
- Pittsburgh
- Senior Saints

HEMOWORTH

Mount Pleasant

- May - Missionary
- Adult Fellowship
- Bible Land
- JOY Club
- July - V.B.S.

JAMESTOWN

Shawnee Hills

- June - V.B.S.
- M.E.R.I.T.
- Choir Encores
- High School
- Earl Shaffer

JOHNSTOWN

Independent

- June - V.B.S.
- Special Choir
- Fellowship

KENTON

Faith

- June - Honored
- Olympians
- Teen Lock-Ins

- Speakers: Rev. Don Rettger/Ken Chaney
- July - Dr. Cleveland McDonald, Cedarville College
- Family Fellowship/Cook-out
- Men's Breakfast

LAGRANGE

- First** **Dennis Gilbert, pastor**
- May - Vernon and Edith Weber, missionaries to Spanish in Florida
 - June - V.B.S. with Virgil Freymuth and "Andy"
 - Tim Williams
 - July - Sandy Green, missionary to Portugal
 - Music Request Night

LAKEVIEW

- Faith** **Marlin Bowes, pastor**
- May - Children from Calvary Christian, Bellefontaine/Don Higdon
 - June - Jim and Michelle Kolar, WOL missionaries to Spain/Shower for new baby

LANCASTER

- Calvary** **Fred Hand, pastor**
- May - Adult Retreat at Scioto Hills
 - June - V.B.S.
 - July - Master's Tough Quartet

LEMOYNE

- Lemoyme** **Ronald Shinkle, pastor**
- June - Creation Conference with Dr. John Whitcomb/Carry-in picnic
 - July - Canoe Trip to Rifle River
 - Gilbert Howard
 - Willis Hull, evangelist
 - Dr. Kenneth Good

LONDON

- Grace**
- June - Rev. Paul Pletcher/Potluck dinner
 - Evangelism Sunday

LORAIN

- Fellowship** **Frank Chittock, pastor**
- June - Graduation Banquet with Dr. William Brock
 - Association Day with Dr. Brock
 - July - Youth Free Car Wash

LOUISVILLE

- First** **Kenneth Pugh, pastor**
- June - High School Graduation Sunday
 - JOY Club Watermelon Party
 - Gary Williams, missionary appointee
 - July - Annual Fish Fry

MCDONALD

- First** **Thomas Brennan, pastor**
- May - Harold and Jean Beckley, missionaries/Fellowship time

MARION

- Oak Knoll** **Clyde Albertson, pastor**
- July - Rev. Don Rettger

MASSILLON

- Calvary** **Charles Johnson, pastor**
- June - Canton Area "Men For Missions" painted church trim
 - Gideon Representative
 - July - Sunday School/V.B.S. Kick-off picnic
 - V.B.S.
 - Young People to Geauga Lake

MEDINA

- First** **John Clagett, pastor**
- June - Film Series, "Who Switched the Price Tags" with Anthony Campolo
 - V.B.S.
 - Young at Heart trip to Roscoe Village/Canal boat ride
 - July - Celebration Day with Family picnic/Early afternoon service with patriotic musical package/Quartet/Fun and fellowship
 - Mark Blocher, Baptists for Life
 - Kurt Wesselink, BMNA missionary to New Mexico

MINFORD

- Grace** **James Brown, pastor**
- June - Activities: Young Couples cook-out/Teen Night outing
 - KYBers decorated cookies for shut-in folks
 - Forrest and Nancy Sidle, BMM to black Americans
 - Family Night Service

MOGADORE

- Mogadore** **Robert Seymour, pastor**
- June - Dr. Paul Tassell, National Representative of G.A.R.B.C.
 - Golfing at Paradise Lake
 - V.B.S.
 - Adult Boat Ride

MOUNT VERNON

- Faith** **Merlyn Jones, pastor**
- June - Father/Son outing
 - Pastor Jones & Todd Drown to Anaheim, California for National Talents for Christ (Todd won second place in Male Public Speaking)
 - Young Marrieds Golf and Barbecue outing
 - Teen Summer Trip to Myrtle Beach
 - July - V.B.S., "The Bible - My Light"

NEW MATAMORAS

- Harmony Hill** **Drew Walther, pastor**
- June - V.B.S., "The Bible: My Light"
 - Youth Week: Film Night/Farm Night/The Pond/Pizza & Bowling Night
 - Pastor Ron Cole
 - July - Bob Adolph, missionary

NEW MILFORD

- New Milford** **Jack McCurry, pastor**
- June - Activities: Jr. Varsity B-B-Q/Varsity miniature golf/Graduation Breakfast at the McCurry's
 - Norman Peart
 - V.B.S., "The Bible: My Light"
 - July - Children's Musical, "What Do You Do On A Rainy Day In An Ark?"
 - Youth Activities: Canadian Bike Trip/Geauga Lake

NEWARK

- Bible** **Karl Stelzer, pastor**
- June - Evening of Music/Fellowship to honor choir
 - John Pletcher
 - Adult Fellowship/Columbus Clippers game
 - July - BBC Cornerstone Concert
 - Sunday School picnic
 - Maynard Waterman

NILES

- First** **G. Ben Reed, pastor**
- June - V.B.S.
 - Father/Son Banquet with Kevin Boggs

NORTH JACKSON

- Bailey Road** **Les Webster, pastor**
- June - Father/Son Western Roundup
 - V.B.S., "The Bible: My Light"
 - Jim Spellman, Deaf Ministry
 - July - Sunday School picnic

NORTH MADISON

- Bible** **Roland Globig, pastor**
- June - Evening V.B.S., "The Bible: My Light"
 - Jr. Varsity Indians Game
 - Sr. Hi White Water Rafting
 - Mentor Christian School Faculty Quartet

NORTH ROYALTON

- North Royalton** **Mark Cowell, pastor**
- June - Open Hearts Ministry, "Color Me Beautiful" with Kathy Weber
 - Father/Son Prayer Breakfast
 - Jim and Michelle Kolar, WOL appointees to Spain
 - July - V.B.S./Backyard Bible Club, "My Wonderful Lord"
 - Ground-breaking Ceremony
 - Sonlife Holiday Sands Beach outing

NORTHFIELD

- Northfield** **Lynn Rogers, pastor**
- May - Church float in Memorial Day Parade
 - June - Father/Son Brunch/Cleveland Indians Game
 - 5-day Bible Clubs
 - V.B.S.

NORWALK

- Calvary** **James McClain, pastor**
- June - Mark Blocher, Baptists for Life
 - V.B.S. with John & Sharon Monasmith
 - Father/Son Breakfast with Dr. William Smallman
 - July - Youth Polaroid Scavenger Hunt

NORWOOD

- Norwood** **Lee Fullmer, pastor**
- June - Phyllis Linkenback, missionary nurse to Pakistan
 - BBC Cornerstone Quartet/Dinner
 - July - Donald Reynolds, missionary Chaplain, Leesburg State Prison
 - Teens all-night Film Festival

OVERLIN

- Camden** **Calvin Searles, pastor**
- July - Rev. Paul Mayo/Jim Kolar, missionary to Spain
 - Church picnic
 - Missionary Society picnic
 - Youth ministered at Vermillion Baptist
 - Vance Ashley and Roy Carr, ministry in music

ORANGE VILLAGE

- Bethlehem** **John Fleck, pastor**
- May - Breakfast in the park
 - June - Men's Golf outing
 - Don Dailey

PATASKALA

- Bethel** **Larry Maddux, pastor**
- June - Youth Pizza/Swim Party

PAULDING

- Emmanuel** **William Baker, pastor**
- July - Women's Mite

PERRY

- Faith** **Thomas Stanford, pastor**
- June - V.B.S.
 - Rev. David Dolin, missionary to Australia
 - Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cottingham, missionaries to New Guinea

PERRYVILLE

- Vermillion** **David Conrad, pastor**
- June - V.B.S.
 - July - Kirk & Joyce Wesselink, missionary appointees
 - Youth Ministry Team from Camden Baptist, Oberlin
 - Rev. Joseph Chapman
 - All-church picnic

PICKERINGTON

- Berean** **George Keith, pastor**
- May - Joe & Sharon Hollaway & family, missionaries to New Zealand
 - John Thomas, music and the Word
 - Dr. Richard Durham, Cedarville College
 - June - Cedarville College Master's Puppets

PORTSMOUTH

- First Missionary** **David Gose, pastor**
- May - Mark Brown, missionary to Mexico
 - June - V.B.S.
 - Youth Day with Tony Hempill
 - Sunday Sundae Fellowship

Temple

- John Gowdy, pastor**
- June - Senior Appreciation Night
 - July - Jr/Sr High trip to King's Island
 - Rev. Tony Beckett
 - Cake Bake to honor Dads

REYNOLDSBURG

- Eastbrook** **Walter Lucas, pastor**
- June - Special CEF presentation by Vanessa Ault
 - V.B.S.
 - Tim McElhane & family, Trans World Radio, Bonaire

SALEM

- Calvary** **Fred Robb, pastor**
- June - Pastor and Mrs. Robb to G.A.R.B.C. Conference in Anaheim, California

SANDUSKY

- Calvary** **Thomas Townsend, pastor**
- June - Family: Cleveland Indians Game
 - Lyle Anderson Family Concert
 - Father/Son Cookout
 - Timothy Vire began summer intern ministry
 - Faith Baptist College
 - July - Signs of Glory musical team
 - BBC Cornerstone Quartet
 - Bill Large, missionary
 - David Warren, Cedarville College

SMITHVILLE

- Pleasant Hill** **Stephen Olsen, pastor**
- June - Father/Son Banquet
 - Family outing to Zoo
 - July - Jr/Sr Hi Geauga Lake Day
 - All-church Ice Cream Social
 - Cedarville College Master's Puppets
 - V.B.S.
 - Youth Softball Tournament

SPRINGFIELD

- Southgate** **John Greening, pastor**
- June - Began Summer Youth Ministries
 - All-church picnic
 - July - BBC Cornerstone Quartet
 - Golden Gaters Boat Cruise on Ohio River

STREETSBORO

- Faith** **J. Tony Beckett, pastor**
- June - Raymond Creer, missionary
 - Women's Outreach with Bernie Sauser
 - Ken Starett, AWANA missionary
 - July - White Water Rafting
 - Rev. Besse
 - Rev. Lounsbrough, missionary
 - Family picnic

STRUTHERS

- Struthers Tabernacle**
- June - Farewell dinner for Pastor and Mrs. Jerry Bell
 - Youth Banquet to honor grads
 - July - George and Judy Richardson, missionaries to Alaska

STRYKER

- First** **Daniel Douglass, pastor**
- June - V.B.S.
 - Discipleship team with Pastor and Mrs. Douglass went to Arizona and helped missionaries Roy Hendershot and Hal Mason
 - July - Roger Doriot, missionary/Arizona visuals

SUNBURY

- Grace** **Dalvin Cramer, pastor**
- May - Women's Missionary Fellowship Dinner

TALLMADGE

- First** **David Henry, pastor**
- June - Earl Shaffer, BMNA to Sidney, Ohio
 - V.B.S. Back Yard Clubs
 - July - Bikers Hike in Canada
 - Sunday Sundae
 - AWANA trip to Cleveland Zoo
 - Senior Citizen's excursion on Goodtime II on Lake Erie

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TOLEDO

Bethel

- June - SALT I & II picnic
- Scott & Becky Couch, BMM missionaries to Brazil
- Sr. Hi Girls Sleepover and "Make-up & Color Seminar"
- All-church outing to Putt-n'-Pond
- New members "Fruit Fellowship"
- Vernon Weber, BMM missionary to Spanish Florida
- Senior Adult "Zoo" outing

Emmanuel

Edward Fuller, pastor

- June - Cedarville College Kingsmen Quartet
- Men's White Water Rafting
- Senior Citizen's Sunday/Dinner
- Back Yard Bible Clubs
- July - Patriotic Musicales, Choir & Orchestra, "Flag of Freedom"

Grace

Robert Perry, pastor

- May - Ladies Mini-Retreat with Margaret Canine, "Harmony with God, Self, Home, Church"
- Cedarville College Swordbearers
- Emmanuel High School Choir
- Jr/Sr High Stuffin Night
- June - 13th Annual Awards Night

TROY

Grace

Charles Pausley, pastor

- June - Professor Bowser, BBC
- Earl Shaffer, BMNA missionary to Sidney, Ohio
- V.B.S., "The Bible: My Light"

VAN WERT

Faith

Fred Jensen, pastor

- May - Thomas Hopewell/Rev. Dale Mead/Carry-in Dinner
- June - V.B.S. with Dennis & Amy Toll
- Dessert Smorgasbord
- July - Patriotic Day/State Representative Lynn Wachtman and soloist CAP Major John Mudoch
- Ken & Dawn Houghten missionaries to Great Britain

WARREN

Bethel

William Plough, pastor

- June - Breakfast and work morning
- Father/Son Breakfast with Dr. Jerry Weber, BMM

WESTERVILLE

Grace

Murray Murdoch, pastor

- June - Rev. David Carr
- July - V.B.S. with the Cedarville College Master's Puppets
- Began film series, "Turn Your Heart Toward Home"
- Dobson
- Church picnic

WESTLAKE

Grace

Jack Jacobs, pastor

- June - Rev. Dan Gelatt, ABWE
- July - Dottie Glorn, ABWE appointee to Argentina
- Picnic/Early afternoon Patriotic and Praise Service
- Backyard Clubs

WHEELERSBURG

Wheelersburg

Bradley Brandt, pastor

- June - Dr. Gerald Smelser

- Dave Dautel
- Auditorium Sunday School Class picnic

WILLOUGHBY HILLS

Nottingham

Donald McClintick, pastor

- June - AWANA Awards Banquet
- V.B.S., "Discovering God's Power at the Wonderfaire"
- Sunday School picnic
- Senior Saints Smorgasbord Potluck with Rev. Michael Beight
- Children's Sunday School Program
- "Birthday Celebration 1988" Ladies Luncheon with Sallie McElwain, BMM
- Sandra Green, ABWE missionary to Portugal
- July - King's Brass, Baltimore, Maryland

WILLOWICK

First

Donald Leitch, pastor

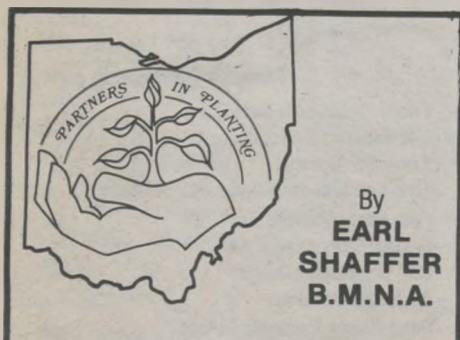
- June - V.B.S. with BBC team
- Jr Hi/Sr. Hi to Cedar Point
- Dave & Mary Naff, missionaries, Radio Station, Liberia
- Jrs. Annual Picnic-in-park
- Father/Son Banquet
- July - Sunday School picnic
- Jr Hi/Sr Hi Activities: Nelsons Ledge/Dover Lake/Wildwood Park

WILMINGTON

Faith

William Moser, pastor

- June - Film, "The Miracle Goes On," life of John Peterson
- Vernon Rosenau, BMM missionary in CAR
- Church picnic
- July - Dr. and Mrs. William Brock
- Cedarville College Master's Touch



By
**EARL
SHAFFER
B.M.N.A.**

Now that most pockets of similar culture people have been found, efforts are being made to not only have a church in every community, but among the different people groups of those communities. American "cross-cultural" efforts are being started.

There are five advantages to associational church planting. A planned strategy to identify and reach needy areas can be implemented. Duplications of services and ministries can be eliminated. Grass roots participation can be enlisted. The effort can utilize the resources and know-how of existing churches. It also builds denominational loyalty. Churches unite in giving towards a common mission project. The new church remembers the association's help.

Churches can cooperate on three levels of associational church planting.

A. NATIONAL. The GARBC has convened a "Blue Ribbon Committee" on church planting. Other strategies have not been implemented nationally.

B. STATE. Until 1977, the OARBC had a state missionary, Earl Umbaugh, directing the Program of Propagation. Thirty-five of the churches established in that 15-year period of time still exist. An ideal formula of support was established with the state association providing 1/3, the local associations providing 1/3, and the new church providing 1/3 of the church planter's support.

C. LOCAL. Churches planted in clusters have been found to do better. They are close enough to fellowship and help each other. The old North Bethel Association planted several churches in Northwest Ohio.

Most local SBC associations have associational church planters on staff. The SBC has been working on their goal of planting 200 self-supporting churches in Ohio by the year 2000, with at least one in every county.

What church planting method works the best? The one being used!

No one method can make the claim to be the one "right" method. Several methods were used in the New Testament. Other methods, too, have seemingly had the blessing of God.

The best method is determined by exegeting the Word and the community. What kind of community is it? How responsive are the people-groups? Is it biblical? Will it work here?

An association interested in planting new churches will use multiple methods. It takes all sorts of methods to start all kinds of churches to reach all types of people (I. Cor. 9:22). Leadership is the key.

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

FAITH, Bolivar, Floyd Stanfill (BMNA). Paul and Diana Helms (New York) conducted VBS for Faith. Average attendance was 40, with 7 professions of faith. June attendance has been good (60 ave.). Several new families have begun regularly attending in June.

FELLOWSHIP, Dublin, Les Newell (BMNA). Kathy Newell passed away on July 6. Pray for her husband, Les, and the family, as well as for the church.

GRACE, Port Clinton, Howard Reed, (CBM). Attendance has remained constant. Pray for the several families who regularly attend, but have not yet joined. Also pray for new commitment and faithfulness to church ministries.

GOOD SHEPHERD'S, Sidney, Earl Shaffer, (BMNA). The Shaffers will be moving to Sidney after July 18. Eight churches will send teams to canvas the community by telephone (August 1-28). Prayer goal: Call all 16,000 subscribers, 1600 on the prospective mailing list, and 160 at the first service (Oct. 2).

MARANATHA, Toledo, Pat Ryan (BMNA). Maranatha is awaiting response on their offer on an office/conference center. Other property is being investigated as well. Sunday School attendance has been increasing.

BEREAN FAITH, Warrensville Heights, Tony Coleman. A possible move to a school facility will open up ministry opportunities, including moving the afternoon worship service to morning. A possible telephone outreach is being considered. Pray for the Forrest Sidles: sale of home and deputation.

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In the previous two articles we explored how local churches can birth new congregations, and how churches are started by para-church groups: mission agencies and laymen. In this final installment on para-church groups, we will examine how associations can plant new churches.

3. Associational Church Planting. Three years before the Miami Association of Regular Baptist Churches was organized, the first in Ohio, the churches had gathered to hire a church planter for the new communities in Western Ohio. Historically, regional church planting societies were established before the associations. When organized, the associations were created for "the planting and support of Baptist churches in the state..."

Later efforts were directed at finding our folks from "back home" in unevangelized communities, people who said "Y'all" and ate corn bread. They were gathered into a group and invited extended family and friends to join. As the Lord saved some and reclaimed others, a new church was formed.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Cedarville College

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KENNETH ST. CLAIR HONORED

May 23 was "Ken St. Clair Day" at Cedarville College. The vice president for business was honored for his 29 years of service to the college, 25 of which have been as the chief financial officer.

During the morning chapel service, President Paul Dixon, Chancellor James T. Jeremiah, St. Clair's daughter Linda Nier, and local banker Leo Wells voiced tributes. St. Clair's eight grandchildren offered special music, and Dr. Clifford Johnson, assistant to the president, gave St. Clair a book of letters from friends. Gifts and citations were presented by representatives of the staff, alumni, student government, food service, and physical plant.

The family was honored at a luncheon and reception. Kenneth St. Clair and his wife, Ida, are the parents of Linda Nier of Cedarville and Jeff St. Clair of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

The annual Memorial Day Chapel at Cedarville College featured a program of patriotic music by the symphonic band and Concert Chorale. U.S. servicemen and veterans received special recognition. The service was held at 11 a.m., May 30, in the James T. Jeremiah Chapel following the village parade.

At 8 p.m., the band performed a concert on the chapel lawn.

TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION CHAPTER CHARTERED

Cedarville College recently opened a student chapter of the Society for Technical Communication. Among those attending the Charter Day luncheon on May 18 were William Coggin, Regional Director of STC, and chapter sponsor Lawrence McKinley of Sheffield Precision Instruments in Dayton.

STC is an international professional organization devoted to the advancement of theory and practice of technical communication. Through the new chapter, professional writing students will learn about new trends in the field, improve their skills, provide community services, and be exposed to job opportunities.

The Professional Writing Program at Cedarville began four years ago under the direction of Sandra Harner, assistant professor of English.

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NEW DIRECTOR OF CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT

Carol Sunday joined the staff of Grand Rapids Baptist College May 11, 1988 as full-time director of Career Planning and Placement.

Originally from northwest Indiana, Carol and her husband Bernie have been in the Grand Rapids area for three years.

Most recently, Carol had been Personnel Coordinator for Action Temporary Services.

A graduate of John Brown University, she worked as a Peer Career Counselor in the Career Development Office for two years.

Carol plans to put new and creative ideas to use in the area of career planning and placement in order to better serve our students and community businesses.

ATTENTION GOLFERS!

Mark your calendars now for a chance to sharpen your skills and enjoy good Christian fellowship at the 12th annual Grand Rapids Baptist College Golf Invitational, August 5-6 and 12-13. Kermit Zarley, PGA golf pro, will speak at the banquet on the 5th and Jack Roberts, MHSAA Director, will do so on the 12th. The price is \$60 and includes golf fees, three meals (including all-you-can-eat prime rib dinner Friday night), and a room. All proceeds are 100% deductible and will be used towards the annual scholarship portion of the schools' budget.

For additional information, call (616) 949-5300 or write to "Golf Invitational," Grand Rapids Baptist College, 1001 E. Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

Faith Baptist Bible College

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NEW PERSONNEL

Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary of Ankeny welcomes Dr. Ralph Turk as its new Chairman of the Department of Pastoral Training this fall. His academic credentials include: M.Div. from Northern Baptist Seminary, Th.M. from Dallas Theological Seminary, and D.Min. from Luther Rice Seminary. Before coming to Faith, he traveled nationwide as a conference speaker, served as a pastor, and taught at Denver Baptist Bible College and Seminary and Christian Heritage College.

Faith also welcomes Rev. Tim Crown who will begin his ministry as Dean of Students. He is presently the pastor of Altoona Regular Baptist Church where he has served since the fall of 1968. He was ordained by Altoona Baptist Church on October 29, 1975. He is a graduate of FBBC and has been a member of the Board of Directors for many years. His family includes wife, Carolyn; and children, Kimberly Dawn and Gregory Lantz.

1988 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Plans are now underway for Faith's 1988 annual Missions Conference. It will be held October 17-21, and the theme this year will be "Open Doors." The following speakers will be ministering throughout the week: Rev. Terry Elliott, church planting missionary in Sugarland, Texas with BMNA; Mr. William S. Carmichael, candidate and deputation secretary for EBM, was born and raised in Ghana, West Africa, and served as missionary for 20 years in Mali, West Africa and church planter for 8 years in Scotland; Ed and Sharon Karakaian, missionaries engaged in musical ministries with Harvest Productions, a branch of EBM - Ed, a professional flutist, was a member of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra in New York; Miss Elsa Ramirez Torres, an American citizen with Spanish descent, is a missionary with BMM, working in Madrid, Spain. Mr. Earl Dannenberg, Chairman of the Missions Department at FBBC and veteran missionary to Chad and the Central African Republic will speak and organize the Conference. Dr. Robert Domokos, President of FBBC&S, will be the keynote speaker.

Special events will include a Men's Prayer Breakfast, a Ladies' Tea and a banquet. Workshops will be held each day dealing with pertinent missions subjects. For more information contact Rev. Earl Dannenberg at FBBC&S, 1900 NW 4th Street, Ankeny, Iowa, 50021 (phone: 515/964-0601).

LAYMEN'S SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE

Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary's "Layman's School of the Bible" will begin September 13 for the 1988 fall semester. Three classes, "Helping

CONTINENTAL BAPTIST MISSIONS DEDICATES NEW BUILDING



On Monday evening, May 2, more than two hundred friends joined the Mission Council and staff of Continental Baptist Missions for a service of dedication at the Alpine Immanuel Baptist Church in Comstock Park.

The spacious, well-designed and functional office building was built by the Mission builders in less than six months. The building and equipment cost less than \$30 per square foot and with today's prices, that is a great savings. In fact, similar structures cost almost \$80 per square foot without the furnishings.

The former office buildings used by the Mission during its first forty-five years of ministry were in buildings remodeled or made to fit the Mission's needs. Today there stands in Comstock Park a building designed for the purpose of a Mission agency, to meet the need of the workers to be able to do their best for the missionaries on the field at as little expense as possible.

Much prayer and sacrificial giving, not only by the Mission family and mission churches, but by hundreds of interested friends made it possible for the building to be dedicated almost "debt-free." In fact, the total debt on the building, which is worth \$350,000, is less than \$30,000. If you did not take an opportunity to give before, your gift will be joyfully received NOW so there will not be mortgage payments to make in the future. Just think, this debt is less than ten percent, or about the equivalent of one year's interest on \$350,000. Do you see why the dedication was a praise service?

Rev. Gary Anderson, the Executive Vice President of Baptist Mid-Missions, a sister Mission agency, brought a challenging message from the book of Jonah to highlight the service of praise in song and report by the Executive Director, Rev. C.E. Vermilyea. We say thank you again to all who gave almost \$30,000 for Project '87, a new Mission headquarters facility.

Those Who Hurt," "Getting the Most Out of Bible Study," and "God's Plan for the Ages" will be held Tuesday's at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. The classes will be taught by Dr. Robert Delnay, Dean of the Seminary; Dr. Manfred Kober, Chairman of the Theology Department; and Mrs. Mel Walker, Chairman of the Local Church Ministries Department.

The Layman's School is open to anyone 16 years of age or older. The cost is \$30 for the first class, \$25 for the second class and \$20 for the third class. A \$10 registration fee will be applied to the class enrollment fee if postmarked by September 6.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL AND SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary will host its annual High School Volleyball/Soccer Tournament, September 22-24, 1988. Thirteen teams from Iowa and surrounding states are planning to attend. This three-day tournament will bring almost 300 young people to Faith's campus. Team trophies will be awarded as well as a Sportsmanship Award for each tournament.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The 46th Annual Meeting of Continental Baptist Missions was held at the Mission's new headquarters facility at 5900 Alpine N.W. in Comstock Park, Michigan on Tuesday, May 3, 1988.

All the reports were received with enthusiasm by the Mission Council as they rejoiced in the progress made in the past year by churches started and churches graduating to self-support status. The staff and director were commended for their dedicated commitment to the Lord and service to the missionaries and the supporting constituency.



Rev. Bruce Stewart

The officers of the Council for this year are: Chairman - Rev. Bruce Stewart, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Mid-dleville, MI; Vice Chairman - Dr. W.W. Welch, Chancellor of Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary; Secretary - Mr. James Anderson Racine, WI; Treasurer - Rev. John Blodgett, Pastor First Baptist Church, St. Johns, MI.

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

TV CARTOONS AND THE CHRISTIAN

By Nancy Knopf, Baptist Youth Ministries

Most of us are aware of the danger of violence on television. Watching violence conditions us into a state of indifference and apathy when we see the real thing or, worse yet, teaches us to act violently. But what about cartoons? Those innocent and ever-so-cute programs that provide a weary mother with an instant "free" baby sitter. Is that baby sitter adversely affecting her child's heart and mind?

Let's look at a sampling of Saturday TV, bearing in mind that some children watch these programs EVERY day and almost ALL DAY on Saturday. And Sunday is fast becoming ANOTHER "cartoon day." The themes in cartoons are repeated over and over in various "innocent" ways, and the sum total is devastating.

As I watched one Saturday I was looking for certain things and found them...plus much more!

Cartoons...

1. teach poor grammar and spelling.
2. encourage materialism through their commercials (ads).
3. tempt children to do wrong and show them how.
4. are hazardous to their health.
5. promote sex, teaching perverted distorted concept of love, dating, sex, values, etc.
6. make light of witchcraft and the occult.
7. minimize the wonderfulness of God.
8. add grotesque creatures now so popular.

Numbers 6 and 7 were the two areas I was mainly looking for. We are not going to deal with all the them in detail, but there are enough facts here for a convincing case. The list gets progressively worse and worse.

1. CARTOONS TEACH POOR GRAMMER & SPELLING

It is obvious that cartoon characters use poor grammar ("ain't") and are impolite ("Ah, shut up!"), and that words are often misspelled (Kiddie Kar) or mispronounced for sight and sound effects.

2. CARTOONS ENCOURAGE MATERIALISM THROUGH THEIR ADS

Three or four times per half hour children are shown dolls, trucks, stuffed animals, spacecrafts, educational toys and monsters, candy and yummy cereals that even Mikey will eat, etc., to buy, Buy BUY! One of the latest toys is Manglord the Monster, who can be stretched, ripped apart and then mended.

3. CARTOONS TEMPT CHILDREN TO DO WRONG AND SHOW THEM HOW.

"Tom and Jerry" seem to exist uniquely to steal from one another, fight and deceive...and it's all in fun! Really? We'll hear more on Tom and Jerry later. On "The Woody Woodpecker Show" a "daddy bear spent all his efforts trying to get into a circus without paying. (Junior had gotten in free.) Lying and deception are common and, of course, not to be taken seriously, but...Under this heading we could also add that parents are made to look foolish more often than not.

4. CARTOONS ARE HAZARDOUS TO THEIR HEALTH.

You teach your children NOT to play with matches, but Tom and Jerry do it all the time with no permanent harm. Granted, Tom gets blown up, but he mends!...regardless of the use of matches, shotguns or dynamite! Another cartoon about the Biggs (humans) and the Littles (mice) shows the Biggs boy wanting to pretend he is sick (deception). He goes over to a space heater and leans over in front of it to get a warm forehead and thus to feign a fever. Instant fever, instant third-degree burns! A wonderful trick to show young, impressionable minds. On yet another cartoon a sleepy papa bear with a noisy, wide-awake youngster give the child a sleeping pill to knock him out. Cartoon animals getting drunk are plentiful, too.

5. CARTOONS PROMOTE SEX.

Just watch some subtle and some not-so-subtle cartoons. Back to "Tom and Jerry," Tom (the cat) reads up on how to catch Jerry (the mouse). A chapter in the book is titled "Mice are suckers for dames."

(Some title - suitable material and vocabulary for children?) So Tom gets a toy wind-up mouse and paints a luring (for mice!) female face and body on it. When wound up, the toy wobbles and wiggles here 'n there repeating, "Come up and see me sometime..." over and over. This, of course, gets Jerry "all wound up," and lures him out into the open. Reruns of cartoons are frequent, so a child may see this one several times. Repetition reinforces. Watch Tom and Jerry, Popeye, Bugs Bunny, Woody Woodpecker and others and ask yourself if you would advocate teaching young children their concept of love. Cartoons are early, first teachers, and they do their job well...too well!

6. CARTOONS MAKE LIGHT OF WITCHCRAFT AND THE OCCULT.

If the preceding facts aren't sufficient — and they should be — things get WORSE at this point. In ONE SATURDAY MORNING, cartoon programs showed the following plots. This is the present trend.

8 a.m. — On Scooby Doo (about a dog and his friends), the story dealt with a witch who, chanting among other things, "Smoke of evil..." brought to life a zombie. There were voodoo dolls that looked like Scooby's friends, and these were stuck full of pins.

8:30 a.m. — On Supercade, one cartoon had a palm reader with her crystal ball.

9:00 a.m. — Yes, The Smurfs! WEEKLY this program pictures and makes light of good versus evil. Dragons, magic spells, potions and formulas are common. Papa Smurf and his family are the good ones and Papa himself has special powers and potions and formulas and is the head figure of Smurfdom. Attacking the Smurfs is like attacking Motherhood, but these little critters get their message across, ever so subtly.

9:30 a.m. — Dungeons and Dragons. This started out as a game for children and now is a cartoon on TV. The game teaches children how to cast spells, etc. (Guess who?) Dungeons Master, who has all kinds of powers and knowledge, takes evil and turns it into good. "Know trees" know everything and a company of children (6) with a CUTE, LITTLE UNICORN (Beware of unicorns and rainbows!) travel through all kinds of adventures. Each one has a different, special tool that has a magic power and, in their exploits, they use these powers as needed...with varying success. TWO HOURS, ONE MORNING, of the occult world in a "cute," "harmless" format of cartoons. Can children escape unaffected? No! Last but not least...

7. CARTOONS MINIMIZE THE WONDERFULNESS OF GOD.

Some of the cartoons just mentioned present the repeated setting of Good versus Evil but in such a way that BOTH are made light of. This waters down the REAL issue of the ACTUAL conflict between God and Satan that is indeed going on in our Universe.

Cartoon characters possess the VERY ATTRIBUTES that the Bible says are UNIQUELY God's, such as, All-knowing: Dungeons Master (Santa Claus fits in here, too.)

All-powerful: Dungeons Master again Gives life: Dungeons Master (E.T., TOO) Eternal: Dungeons Master has a life force that just won't give out, and all of the super heroes somehow survive deadly attacks.

And the cartoons have their own trinity ("trinities") would probably be more accurate. One example is the "Spider Man and Incredible Hulk" program. Spider Man, Iceman and Firestay (a woman) unite their supernatural powers and are under oath "to act for the good of mankind." Another program showed three women combating an evil force separately but not succeeding. Only when they united did they succeed. Why not two? Why not separately one-to-one? Because Satan is the great imitator and he is serious about seeking to get back at God by destroying mankind. Those Saturday cartoons may be cute, but they're NOT funny!

WHAT'S THE RESULT?

Children watch and register everything. They see action, color, power, the amazing. Then on Sunday, IF they go to Sunday school, they often enter a plain classroom with few or no visual aids and one lone teacher. They hear of this wonderful Person Jesus Christ who came from Heaven. (E.T. came from outer space—perhaps Satan's most imitative cartoon character of all times.) Christ had special powers (so do Dungeons Master, Spider Man, E.T. and a host of others), was kind and loving (so are they), could raise the dead (ditto), died himself and arise and then went back to Heaven (so did E.T.). And the children sit unaffected for they saw all of this on TV just the day before. The DIFFERENCE, of course, is that cartoons are PRETEND and Christ is REAL. You don't have to give account to E.T. but you do to Christ. But, somehow, not surprisingly, fifteen hours of "pretend" per week outweighs that one hour in Sunday school. Parents wonder why their children are heading the wrong direction so young; Sunday school teachers, even good ones, wonder why they can't keep the attention of children.

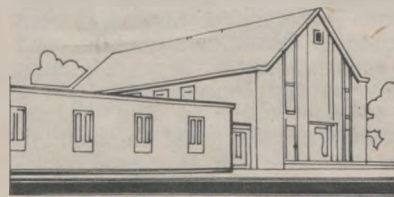
WHAT TO DO?

1. BELIEVE that cartoons are dangerous. There are only two sources in this world—God and Satan. Cartoons are NOT of God. It is time that we wake up to the reality that we are in a battle and that the enemy is not playing games or idly watching TV. Rather, he is producing propaganda to destroy the lost and to anesthetize the Christian.

2. Teachers: Warn your children about the danger of watching cartoons (but don't get technical with them). Ask the Lord to make you aware of opportunities to emphasize His uniqueness and wonderfulness.

3. Parents: Watch and censor the cartoons that your children are watching. Eliminate the ones named in this article; watch others with these seven categories in mind. As your children get older, explain simply that you do not allow certain programs because they teach and advocate that which would be harmful to your child either physically or spiritually. Replace cartoon watching (little by little wean the children from this habit so as not to provoke them to rebellion) with good reading, activities, quiet times, walks, praying together, teaching your children to do something constructive rather than just sitting. You may lose a baby sitter, but gaining your child is worth it.

The idea is not ISOLATION but INSULATION. We are IN the world but not OF it. Insulate and inoculate your children by sharing with them the great Bible heroes of the faith and godly men who have lived since Bible times. There are child-gear books on men like William Carey, Adoniram Judson, David Brainerd, D.L. Moody and other missionary giants that could inspire your children to greatness as no cartoon can. You might have your own enthusiasm for godliness rekindled in the process. Read Psalm 1.



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REPORT ON G.A.R.B.C. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 57th Annual Conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC) met in annual session at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California, the week of June 27 - July 1, 1988. Over 800 messengers representing the fundamentalist church group registered. Peak attendance reached over 1,000.

Youth Days were held Tuesday through Friday on the campus of Chapman College where over 200 teens registered.

Two resolutions of current interest to the Christian community included adoption of a statement of concern for the innocent victims of AIDS:

WHEREAS our nation and our world have been visited by a growing plague of the deadly virus AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome), inasmuch that some of our Regular Baptist families have known the trauma surrounding this scourge; and with full understanding that our churches, agencies, and institutions will have to deal directly with its effects in the future; and

WHEREAS there are indeed victims as a result of blood transfusions, etc., and there remain many unknown factors about the killer virus;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 57th annual conference in Anaheim, California, on June 27 to July 1, 1988, sincerely extend our deepest compassion and sympathy to those innocent victims, and call our brethren to give careful attention to their plight; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we declare a godly answer to the spread of AIDS by obedience of God's Word with the practice of monogamy, that we reject those unbiblical lifestyles such as homosexuality and fornication which have clearly been associated with the spread of AIDS; that we lead our children and our churches in a way of moral holiness so as not invite God's wrath as evidenced in the historical record of God's Word; that we firmly declare the matter is first a Biblical/moral issue and then a health issue, and not a civil rights issue.

National responsibility was stressed in a resolution on the believer's responsibility in this election year:

WHEREAS this is a crucial election year, which includes a number of important choices by the electorate, including a new President to lead us in these troubled times; and

WHEREAS we have a great privilege in that we live in relative freedom, with the opportunity to participate as Christian citizens in crucial decisions; and

WHEREAS the Scripture commands us to be in prayer for those in leadership and to actively participate in society as an example and witness for righteousness (I Tim. 2:1-4);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 57th annual conference in Anaheim, California, on July 27 to July 1, 1988, accept our personal responsibility in the present matter of our participation in the elective system and pledge ourselves to obey the Scripture by prayer and witness; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we encourage our churches and individual members to be knowledgeable in the Biblical issues involved such as abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, homosexuality, humanism, sex education, school-based health clinics, opposition to religious freedom, etc., so that we do not unknowingly give aid to candidates and ballot issues that actively oppose the grace of our God and the holiness of His character; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call our people to witness those righteous views by the registration for and the participation in voting on election day.

Five social agencies are recommended by the Association: 1) Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries, providing group homes and foster homes for children, unwed mother care and counseling and adoption, headquartered in Valparaiso, Indiana, the Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries has service locations in Ankeny, Iowa; St. Louis, Michigan; and Springfield, Ohio; 2) Baptists for Life, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a pro-life organization engaged in educational and direct action ministries; 3) Michigan Christian Home Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a Baptist home for senior citizens; 4) Regular Baptist Child Placement Agency, Seattle, Washington, also providing child care and foster home placement, adoptive ministry, care for unwed mothers and family counseling services; and 5) Shepherds Baptist Ministries, Union Grove, Wisconsin, a ministry to the mentally retarded. In the 1987-88 fiscal year, full-time workers in the five agencies totaled 137 with 54 additional part-time workers. Income from contributions by individuals and supporting churches totaled \$5.2 million. The number of people served through these agencies this past year totaled 74,946.

The Association recommends seven institutions of higher learning: Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania and Baptist Bible Theological Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania; Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio; Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary, Ankeny, Iowa; Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Northwest Baptist Seminary, Tacoma, Washington; Spurgeon Baptist Bible College, Mulberry, Florida; and Western Baptist College, Salem, Oregon.

The schools reported a total of 4,002 students enrolled during the past academic year, and a total of 329 faculty members. The annual combined budget of all the schools was \$30.3 million.

The total number of chaplains is 111, of which 35 are on active duty. The chairman of the GARBC Chaplaincy Commission continues to be Chaplain (COL) Ervin Ellison (retired).

The missionary committee reported our six mission agencies (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Baptist Mid-Missions, Baptist Mission of North America, Committee on Missionary Evangelism, Continental Baptist Missions and Evangelical Baptist Missions) now have 2,647 missionaries; including 1,998 on the field, 151 on furlough, 331 accepted candidates and 167 on the inactive or retired list. They further reported receiving \$42.4 million for the work of missions around the world. Regular Baptist missionaries are now serving in 81 countries besides the United States and Canada.

The Baptist Builders' Club, which gives financial grants of up to \$10,000 to needy churches, reported that 7 churches received grants totaling \$46,000 during the past fiscal year. Since the Club began, 485 churches have shared in grants totaling \$1.4 million.

Regular Baptist Press was brought into existence 36 years ago, and now serves over 6,000 churches with Sunday School curriculum materials. In addition to Sunday School literature, the Press publishes books, Vacation Bible School material and gospel tracts, as well as conducting a Sunday School conference ministry.

Gospel Literature Services supplies free literature to missionaries serving with GARBC-approved mission agencies as God provides the necessary funds. Literature was furnished to 26 foreign countries in addition to 32 states in the U.S.A. for a total of 461,150 pieces, with a value of \$243,421. The literature projects completed totaled 1,115, with 280 missionaries assisted during the fiscal year. Dr. Mark Jackson is the director.

The following men were elected to serve on the Council of Eighteen, the administrative arm of the GARBC: Rev. Charles F. Alber, Ames, Iowa; Rev. Richard D. Christen, Hemet, California; Dr. Paul Dixon, Cedarville, Ohio, Vice-chairman of the Council*; Rev. Lawrence G. Fetzter, Dayton, Ohio; Dr. William R. Fusco, Sebring, Florida; Dr. David Net-

COMMITTEE ON
MISSIONARY EVANGELISM

The Committee on Missionary Evangelism reports that Evangelists Randy Chovan and Lars Wessberg with their families are ministering 8 weeks each in Jamaica this summer. Dr. Ed Morrell and his wife, Esther, also were there for two weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. Warren Faber, Rev. and Mrs. John Kleis, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Rhodes, and General Director Douglas Beason will minister for eight intensive days throughout the island in pulpit supply, pastors' seminars, Association speaker, medical and education consultations from October 15-24 in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Fairview Baptist Bible College.

COME Evangelists are also looking forward to preaching in St. Vincent and the Cayman Islands later in the year.

The Committee On Missionary Evangelism reports the approval of two new evangelists, Rev. Bill Randolph of Michigan and Rev. Alwyn Williams of Jamaica.

Evangelist Hugh Horner, serving nineteen years with COME, passed away June 16, 1988 of a massive heart attack in Buffalo, NY. He had preached the preceding Sunday evening before his admission to the hospital the same night.

tleton, Lakeland, Florida, Chairman of the Council*; Rev. William Rudd, Muskegon, Michigan; Dr. Milo Thompson, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania; and Dr. Don Tyler, Brownsburg, Indiana.

Council members elected previously who continue to serve are: Dr. Bryce Augsburg, Romeoville, Illinois; Dr. William A. Brock, Columbus, Ohio; Dr. Donald Brong, Ankeny, Iowa; Rev. David Graham, Elkhart, Indiana; Rev. W. Paul Jackson, Cedarville, Ohio; Dr. Jack Jacobs, Westlake, Ohio; Dr. Wendell Kempton, Cherry Hill, New Jersey; Rev. J.O. Purcell, Lakeland, Florida; and Dr. John White, Jr., Grand Rapids, Michigan, Secretary of the Council*.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Friday and Saturday, June 10-11, Shepherds hosted the second annual invitational golf tournament at the local Bristol Oaks Course. The primary purpose of the tournament is to involve men from the Midwest in the ministry of Shepherds. Some local golfers also participated in the two-day event. Friday evening, after 18 holes of play, the men returned to the Home and enjoyed a steak dinner and program which included Shepherds' residents. President James Misirian also shared remarks about expansion plans for the present and future care of its residents. Sixty-four men registered for the tournament. Golfers from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin participated. Twenty-one-year-old Doug Kubsch of Michigan City, Indiana, was the champion after 36 holes with 155. Mr. Jerry Stadt of Chesterfield, Missouri was runner up with 160. Class A flight was won by Elvin King of Cedarville, Ohio with 175 and the Class B flight was won by Pete Volkman of Michigan City, Indiana with 187 (all pictured above).

Other golfers finishing 36 holes under 190 included: Dave Courtney, Traverse City, MI; Jim Sprague, Middletown, MI; Don Meredith, Union Grove, WI; Powers Payton, LaCrosse, WI; Bill Etchison, Dundee, IL; Charles Marshall, New Carlisle, IN; Norris Smith, Amherst, OH; Cliff Phelps, Wildwood, FL; Leo Kerschitz, Union Grove, WI; Victor Johnson, Otis, IN; David Loftus, Butler, WI; Jon Piering, Cedarburg, WI; Bill Hawkins, Kaleva, MI; Lee Morey, Union Grove, WI; Bob Nechvatal, Union Grove, WI; Jon Patz, Pound, WI; and John Leland, South Bend, WI.



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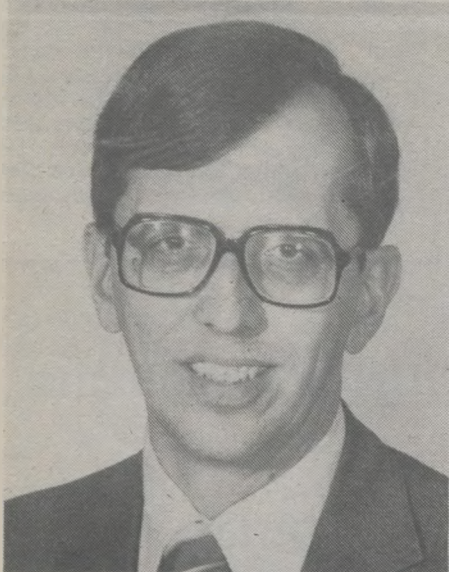
On August 17th Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Smelser will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. An open house will be held at First Baptist Church, Medina from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on August 13th. You are invited to attend this open house.

The Smelsers were married in Sanford, CT in 1938. They began their ministry in Winnabow, NC, then in Mannington, W. Va. for 10 years and in 1951 began their service at First Baptist, Medina which continued for the next 22 years.

Pastor Smelser served for many years in the Hebron Association and as representative to the American Council of Christian Churches. He served for 40 years on the board of B.M.N.A. and is now an emeritus member of this group. Mrs. Smelser served for 8 years as the women's editor of the O.I.B.

They completed their ministry in Florida and after 9 years retired to Maranatha Village. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Pastor Smelser will be ministering at First, Medina on August 14th.

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Richard Focht has assumed the responsibility of pastor at Beebetown Baptist Church, Brunswick. A 1963 graduate of Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania (then Baptist Bible Seminary in Johnson City, New York), and a 1971 graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, Mr. Focht has served in various capacities in churches in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Texas. He will continue to serve in his current capacity as one of the staff of the Audio Visual Department in the home office of Baptist Mid-Missions.

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Enrollment in the spring semester was 92 with 10 receiving the Master Bible Diploma and 45 receiving certificates. Dr. Jack Jacobs, pastor of Grace Baptist, Westlake was the commencement speaker on May 16th.

Dr. Gerald Smelser serves as president of B.B.I. and Pastor Donald McClintick of Nottingham Baptist replaces Pastor Marvin Werbeach as vice president.

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